### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK,

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Plaintiff,

\* CASE NO.: 2:07-cv-415-ID v.

**HIGHWAY SOLUTIONS, LLC;** MICHAEL C. MARCATO and

ANNE S. MARCATO,

Defendants.

### **ANSWER**

Defendant Highway Solutions, LLC, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby answers the allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

- Admitted. 1.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. Admitted.
- 4. Admitted.
- 5. Admitted.
- 6. Admitted.
- 7. Admitted.
- 8. Admitted.
- 9. Admitted.
- 10. Admitted.
- 11. Admitted.
- 12. Admitted.

- 13. Admitted.
- 14. Admitted.
- 15. Admitted.
- 16. Admitted.
- 17. Admitted.
- 18. Admitted.
- 19. Admitted.
- 20. Admitted.
- 21. Admitted.
- 22. Admitted.
- 23. Admitted.

# **COUNT I**

- 24. Highway Solutions realleges its answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 25. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 26. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 27. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 28. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

- 29. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 30. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 31. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 32. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 33. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 34. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 35. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 36. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 37. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 38. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 39. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

- 40. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 41. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 42. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 43. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 44. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 45. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 46. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 47. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 48. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 49. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 50. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

- 51. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 52. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **COUNT II**

- 53. Highway Solutions realleges its answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 54. Admitted.
- 55. Admitted.
- 56. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 57. Highway Solutions can neither admit nor deny the allegations of this paragraph of the Complaint as Plaintiff's allegation refers to an unidentified date.
- 58. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 59. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 60. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 61. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 62. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

63. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

# **COUNT III**

- 64. Highway Solutions realleges its answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 65. Admitted.
- 66. Admitted.
- 67. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

#### **COUNT IV**

- 68. Highway Solutions realleges its answers to the preceding paragraphs of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 69. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 70. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 71. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 72. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.
- 73. Highway Solutions denies the material allegations of this paragraph and demands strict proof thereof.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- 1. Highway Solutions pleads the general issue and denies each and every material allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint and demands strict proof thereof.
- 2. The claims set forth in Plaintiff's complaint fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 3. Highway Solutions pleads set-off.
- 4. Highway Solutions alleges that Plaintiff was contributorily negligent, assumed the risk or otherwise has unclean hands.
- 5. Highway Solutions reserves the right to assert a counterclaim or third party claim relating to the allegations asserted in the Complaint.
- 6. Highway Solutions raises the protections afforded it pursuant to the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy filings of Anne and/or Michael Marcato in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Case No. 07-30824.

#### s/J. David Martin

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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